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Dr. David Stone
The Council for Tobacco
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Dear Dr. Stone:

Thank you for talking to me about possible funding by the Tobacco Research Council in support of the Fourth International Workshop on Effects of Mineral Dusts on Cells to be held in Sherbrooke, Quebec, September 21-23, 1988. These workshops, which are held every 3-4 years, are to encourage the collaboration and presentation of data by scientists interested in the mechanisms of action of occupationally and environmentally relevant minerals as related to fibrotic and carcinogenic lung disease. In addition to the naturally-occurring mineral and man-made fibers, a number of other dusts are discussed including silica, talc, coal dusts and kaolin. An important emphasis of the workshop, which has been held previously in Penarth, U.K. (M.R.C. Laboratory, 1979), Arkadelphia, U.S.A. (N.C.T.R., 1981), and Schluchsee, F.R.G. (1984), is the development of in vitro techniques to screen newly developed and modified man-made mineral fibers for possible detrimental effects on health. The proceedings of the workshops have been published in the past in the N.A.T.O. A.S.I. series G: Ecological Sciences #3, and will be published in 1988 in either this form or as a volume in the scientific journal, Environmental Health Perspectives. Your organization will certainly be acknowledged for its contribution in these proceedings.

Approximately 150 scientists from the international community will be invited by letter in November to attend the 1988 workshop in Sherbrooke. I would be happy to extend an invitation to any of your staff members or grantees. The deadline for submission of abstracts will be February 1, 1988. If you could provide financial assistance of $5,000 or less to support this

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meeting, I would be most grateful. These funds will be used for travel and board of employees in government and academia with the exclusion of industry.

Sincerely,

Brooke T. Mossman (vrk)

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